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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to Sign our Name.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1882.

NOTICE.

The Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MEARS KYNOCH & CO., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KEEFOOT HUGHES in our Firm is transferred on the 31st December last.

The Business will be carried on, under the name of Mr. WILLIAM LEGGE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

HUGHES & LEGGE.

Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSA KAISHA, of Tokio, at THIS PORT.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

To Let.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, KUMLAHJEE, NO. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

For Sale.

JUST RECEIVED.

A Large Assortment of GENTLEMEN'S and LADIES' TENNIS SHOES, CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES, GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS, LADIES' SHOES.

And,

All Sorts of TENNIS TOOLS, as BALLS, NETS, &c. &c.

AT MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA,

8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELLERY, of various kinds.

INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS.

SMOKING CAPS.

RUMPOOREE CHUDIERS; and

CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

AT MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA,

8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREEFOLD's Export PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S DUBLIN STOUT in Pinta and Quarts.

FINE OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEAU X (Vine de CHAMPAIGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STEAMERS and SAILING SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, March 1, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 1st MARCH, 1882, the

OFFICES of the MING PEH MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will be REMOVED to the GROUND FLOOR of Messrs RUSSELL & CO.'s Premises, Payra Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. COOKE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposed for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

INSURANCES.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

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GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company are

prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, of STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company are

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METZ FRUIT.

ASSORTED COSACAS.

CALLARD & BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

Rose's LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Glenfiddis."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TEYSSENIER'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIBERG & EPT'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTELY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANGLOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNE.

HEINECKE'S MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT-PONSAUDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LA PITE,

IBES GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET,

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNY'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HEINECKE'S BRANDY.

BRIQUET DISTILLERY & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KENTUCKY WHISKY.

ROBAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S & ORANGE BITTERS

&c., &c.

&c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled ON-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 21 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RICE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

The New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Intimations.

SIXTH DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial G-overnment
Eight per Cent. Loan
of 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par, at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong and Shanghai, on the Eighth day of March, 1882, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were thus day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. HENRY SMITH, Chairman of the said Corporation, and of Mr. HENRY SMITH, Chairman of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

325 Bonds Nos.—

8	890	1673	2253	2928
15	891	1675	2257	2934
17	849	1683	2263	2936
28	850	1684	2270	2939
40	872	1689	2282	2941
57	893	1694	2313	2949
68	895	1710	2319	2953
101	916	1713	2323	2968
108	921	1714	2325	2970
110	931	1720	2333	2980
138	943	1727	2341	2999
157	945	1785	2343	3016
160	958	1790	2344	3028
211	1020	1834	2383	3079
213	1030	1840	2391	3092
221	1031	1841	2423	3093
222	1033	1845	2446	3099
247	1035	1856	2455	3112
278	1039	1865	2467	3115
291	1082	1873	2476	3119
299	1088	1877	2512	3146
303	1114	1885	2514	3151
315	1143	1896	2528	3162
321	1161	1898	2532	3178
324	1203	1918	2563	3220
329	1230	1943	2598	3223
335	1232	1946	2606	3224
345	1235	1949	2607	3226
348	1237	1950	2608	3227
350	1239	1952	2609	3228
355	1241	1954	2610	3229
359	1242	1955	2611	3230
363	1243	1956	2612	3231
364	1245	1957	2613	3232
365	1246	1958	2614	3233
366	1247	1959	2615	3234
367	1248	1960	2616	3235
368	1249	1961	2617	3236
369	1250	1962	2618	3237
370	1251	1963	2619	3238
371	1252	1964	2620	3239
372	1253	1965	2621	3240
373	1254	1966	2622	3241
374	1255	1967	2623	3242
375	1256</			

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT QUEEN VICTORIA.

LONDON, March 3.

The Queen was shot at, it escaped unhurt. The assassin was arrested, and proved to be a London clerk.

BRADLAUGH RE-ELECTED.

LONDON, March 3.

Bradlaugh has been re-elected.

CHINA AND THE OPIUM QUESTION.

LONDON, March 4.

The Daily News publishes a paragraph stating that the Chinese Government has made important proposals for the settlement of the Opium Question.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE next FRENCH MAIL, bringing London news to the 3rd Feb., may be expected to arrive on or about the 14th instant.

THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, has been fixed as the day for the Athletic Sports.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by mails closing at Singapore at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and 11 a.m. on the 8th inst.

On Sunday morning the *Curacao* (14 guns) arrived in harbour and exchanged the usual salutes.

Mr Jao Maria da Silva, Jr., has been provisionally appointed fourth clerk at the Magistracy.

It is noticed in the *Gazette* that Mr Edward James Ackroyd has assumed the duties of Registrar of the Supreme Court.

THE Overland issue of this paper, published every fortnight, may be mailed to any address forwarded to this Office.

The *Prius Heinrich* came out of dock at Aberdeen to-day, and the *Æolus* was docked there.

Mr Archibald Baird having returned to the Colony has resumed his duties as first light-house keeper, Harbour Master's Department.

Dr C. J. Wharry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, has been granted by the Earl of Kimberley an extension of five months' leave, on half salary, commencing on the 30th April next.

The return of the 11th February, giving the names of the twenty largest rate-payers in the Colony, has been cancelled, and a new and revised one substituted, which shows a rather different result from that first given.

THE Verne Italian Opera Company, from Shanghai, have arrived here, and announce their intention of giving a series of six operas in the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The list is a strong one, and good houses should be obtained.

THE ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary annual meeting of the Ice Company was held at the offices to-day.

There were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), and Messrs Jackson, Macgregor, W. N. Bain, G. C. Cox, J. D. Hutchison, Arnold, Coxon, H. Smith, and I. P. Madar.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I shall not detain you long. I have only to say that the works are in good order, and the business going on as satisfactorily as we could wish it to be. If any gentleman has any questions to ask, we shall be happy to answer them.

No questions were asked, and the Chairman moved that the report and accounts as printed be passed. Mr Jackson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr Macgregor moved that Mr Thomas Arnold be appointed auditor for the current year; Mr Smith seconded, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Chairman intimated that the dividend warrants would be issued to-morrow.

first alarm arose through a chimney in Gage Street catching fire, which was soon extinguished; and the second was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp in a house in Peel Street, from which the occupants rushed out in a frightened state. The accident was noticed by some Europeans who happened to be passing, and by their efforts the flames were soon put out. Had it not been for their presence, the fire might have developed into something serious.

A SHOOTING affray of a desperate character took place yesterday evening at a public house, "The Land we Live in," in Queen's Road West, one result of which was that John Williams, steward on board the American ship *Blue Jacket*, was seriously wounded in the head by a bullet. From the evidence taken at the Police Court to-day it appears there has been "bad blood" between Frederick Moller and John Power seamen, on the one side, and the wounded man and his cook, William Ross, on the other, and that the two seamen have threatened that if the cook and steward went with the ship they would "fix them." Yesterday evening these threats culminated in a fight between the steward and the two seamen. The bar keeper says the men were not drunk, although one admits that Moller was slightly the worse of liquor. The three got turned out, but the steward returned inside, when Moller drew a revolver and fired, but missed; the second shot, fired at a distance of about a foot and a half, took effect on the forehead of the steward, who fell insensible. Moller then fired the other chamber of his revolver promiscuously at the room. The proprietor, Mr Kirchmann, and one of the barbers hung on to him until the police came. The man Power assisted Moller in making a desperate resistance, and it was with great difficulty they were secured. The wounded man was removed to the hospital where his wound, which is a rather severe one, was dressed. It was indeed fortunate for him that the bullet deflected off the bone, otherwise he must have been killed on the spot. The two men were brought before the Magistrate to-day, and remanded till Saturday.

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THE CHINESE BANQUET.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Having been disappointed in our expectation of perusing a revised edition of Sir John Pope Hennessy's speech, in the local *Gazette*, we lose no time in dealing with the published version of His Excellency's farewell address.

From what we have already ascertained, the incorrectness of designating Labuan a Chinese Colony—practically or otherwise—will be apparent. No one will, we anticipate, be at a loss to understand the reasons which prompted His Excellency to convert and utilize our small Bornean Settlement for the purpose it is made to serve upon this occasion. The marked difference in acknowledging its administrative success to Colonial advice is quite on a par with the unflattering effrontery of first assuming as the result of his rule the growth of this Colony in prosperity, and next ascribing that successful achievement to the advice received from the Chinese community! No one who understands Governor Hennessy can believe that he was serious in these utterances, or that they were dictated by invincible ignorance. The impression left upon the minds of those who know differently is, that Sir John was only aiming his audience by impressing upon the immense credulity of an Asiatic assembly. The selection of the non-official members is supposed to be guided, also, by qualification—experience, position, and personal influence. Under these facts, the Hon. Mr Ng Choy's requirements on behalf of his countrymen are either superfluous or preposterous. Sir John Pope Hennessy has, therefore, either accepted a foolish obligation, or was simply befooling his audience—more probably the latter.

The concession of a free press is evidently a boon but little understood. The Governor's knowledge of political geography is, we are inclined to state, one of the worst of his admirers—his learned friend in the Chair. He flounders, sinks and drowns miserably in the sea of Indian polity. In the first place, the population of India exceeds 250,000,000. It must be understood that we would not think of dealing in such trifles only for the fact of the Governor utilising them—as will be seen further on—

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European settlement on the island! Where would the Treaty Ports be in the march of advancement if it were not for that foreign element whose advice and services in this Colony, Governor Hennessy holds in such comparatively poor estimation? The Chinese themselves give the rejoinders—all embodied in the "Imperial Maritime Customs Service of China"—irrefutable testimony borne against the moral infidelity and poorer capability of those to whom, according to Sir John Pope Hennessy, this Colony owes so much—the Chinese! Comparisons are odious, and more so than those which deal with national characteristics. These invidious distinctions, it will be remembered, emanated from His Excellency's remarks on this particular occasion, which was specially selected for a certain definite purpose. They are the "ways and means" adopted by those concerned in furthering the end that was intended to be accomplished by the entertainment, and it is the objectionable *modus operandi* so employed that receive our strictures by coming under legitimate comment. However evidently when he speaks of that portion of the Chinese race domiciled in Hongkong, when he calls his entertainers Anglo-Chinese! They have no more right to be designated than a Bengalee to an "Irish-Indian," or a Madrassee an "Irish-Portuguese." However, to proceed.

His Excellency forgot to remind his hearers that the *Land we Live in*, the *Tung Wu Hospital*, that which Mr Tonney had subsequently to make known to him, the *St. George's Hospital*, under the auspices of which the Institution was inaugurated in the Colony. The general tenor of Governor Hennessy's assertions implies that something had been done before his time, that the initiation of useful legislation, social reform, and public benevolence had developed upon himself. He manifested receiving kindly—never commits himself; the intentions, however, are palpable, while the language in which it is couched is altogether unobjectionable. But moral reflections aside, we find the Chinese of Hongkong receiving *ludos* for doing their duty to their parent race and country, which the advantages of British rule afforded them; the results of doing in the "China Famine" ("Recruiting" in international nomenclature) the occurrence of great public calamities is, surely, no novelty; and, during the recent Irish Famine, there was nothing remarkable in the assistance rendered by the Chinese, in conjunction with the foreign community of Hongkong, except that the distinction made by the former, by a special contribution for Cork, throws reasonable doubt upon the otherwise uncontested feelings which thus prompted celestial misfortune. Viewed apart, *prima facie*, disagreeable people might be led to believe that Sir John was minding himself in giving his gracious assent, expressed or implied, to the Chinese grant-in-aid for his own country. To be more explicit, this is what was then demanded of the Chinese which when qualified for Government employment, he is certain of a seat in Parliament—to be a thorn in the side of any Ministry in Power whose views are not in union with those held for the nonce by himself. To return from our digression,—accepting Sir John Hennessy's own statements of the wealth of the Colonies concentrated in the hands of the Chinese, the benevolent objects embraced by Tung Wah Hospital Committee, and instances of Chinese liberality, even sink into comparative insignificance, when compared (1) with the means a command of this community, or (2) with private generosity elsewhere. No one can be better aware than ourselves of the unpalatability of this "similitude of ratios." The necessity has been thrust upon us, dealing *sola scripta*, we find an inconsistency between the Chinese barrister's assertions and those of the Governor relative to the "crime of kidnapping." The one says that this reprehensible feature of Chinese social economy is "rapidly decreasing," while the other (our worthy Chief) declares that it has been "checked effectually!" We leave them to explain, and our readers to reconcile, these irreconcileables. The request of the Barrister—the Honorable Chairman—which Sir John Pope Hennessy undertakes to carry to Her Majesty's Government, savours of impertinence. The Governor is too clever by half to ever think of realizing his promises—except in a considerably and materially modified form! It is not used for British Legislatives, "all the world over," to make enactments without due consideration of the objects to be affected by their Acta. Bearings from different stand-points can never agree; and there is one proviso guaranteed by the power of ratification held at Home, that, in all measures intended to become law, there is, or would be, due provision for British interests. Every care is taken to ensure this end. The official notices, in Local Assemblies, always in the majority, in those Crown Colonies which are not yet entrusted with self-government, are supposed to be acquiesced with native wants, and, in order to facilitate that regulation, a knowledge of the vernacular is a sine *qua non* for promotion in the service. The selection of the non-official members is supposed to be guided, also, by qualification—experience, position, and personal influence. Under these facts, the Hon. Mr Ng Choy's requirements on behalf of his countrymen are either superfluous or preposterous. Sir John Pope Hennessy has, therefore, either accepted a foolish obligation, or was simply befooling his audience—more probably the latter.

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